

*Arizona State
Hospital
1887 - 2001*



*Memorial
Day
Dedication*

*All Souls Cemetery
May 28th, 2001
10:30 am*

Arizona State Hospital Memorial Day Dedication

PROGRAM

*Presentation of Colors
by
American Buffalo Soldiers*

(All please stand for the Presentation of Colors)

*Vern West from the 108th Army
Band, Arizona National Guard
will do the National Anthem*

Master of Ceremonies-

*Patrick Chorpennig
Director of Veterans Services*

*Speaker-Congressman J.D. Hayworth
and other notables*

*Unveiling of headstone done by
Charles Tomlinson, Arizona State
Hospital Advisory Board Member*

*Taps played by Vern West
(All stand for playing of Taps and the
Retirement of Colors)*

The Story of

Corporal Isaiah Mays

Corporal Isaiah Mays was born on February 16th, 1858 in Carters Bridge, Virginia.

He was born a Slave. Mays enlisted in the Army at Columbus Barracks, Ohio.

While on an escort mission,

Corporal Mays was instrumental in getting help to his fellow soldiers after they were ambushed and robbed of a \$29,000 payroll that was never recovered.

Despite being shot in the legs, Corporal Mays walked and crawled to a near by farm to sound the alarm for help.

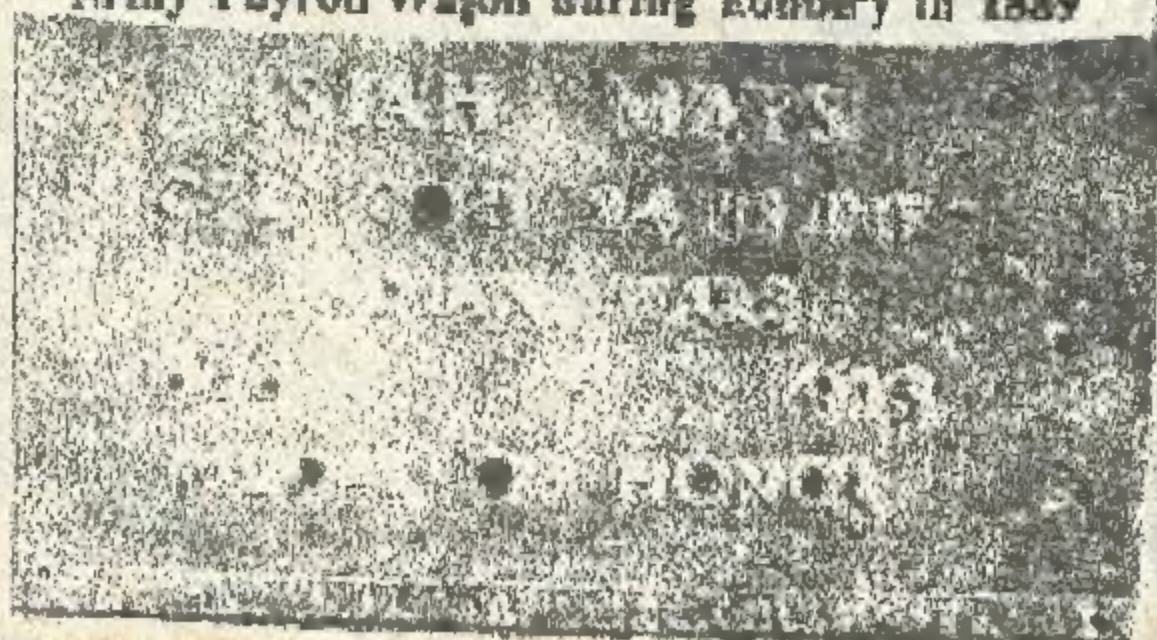
This action earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor. Following his discharge from the Army, he stayed in Arizona, due to illness, he became a patient of the Arizona State Hospital and is buried here in the "All Souls Cemetery".

Buffalo Soldier Grave Discovered in Phoenix



CORPORAL ISIAH MAYS

Winner of Medal of Honor for Role in Defending
Army Payroll Wagon during Kohberg in 1889



The Dedication Today.....

*The Arizona State
Hospital is proud to
host this Memorial Day
Dedication. In the spirit of
respect and honor, all
interested parties who
expressed an interest
and devoted many hours
researching information,
preparing letters of concern,
and securing the
appropriate military
headstone will see the results
of their efforts today.*

*In honor
of
Corporal Traiah Mays,
Congressional
Medal of Honor
Winner*

American Buffalo Soldier

The Strength to Last a Century and... Beyond ~ ~

On February 17th, 1871, legislation was enacted which stated that the various Boards of Supervisors of the Counties "must provide for all insane persons in such a manner, as in their best judgment, for the safety of the insane person and the community.

In 1872, a judge traveled to Stockton, California to arrange for the board and care of the Arizona insane person at a cost of \$10.50 per week, in the care of Doctors Langton and Clark.

In 1885, the 13th Territorial Legislature appropriated \$100,000.00 for the construction of the " Arizona Insane Asylum at Phoenix." County bonds were issued for \$3,500.00 for the purchase of 160 acres with water rights 2 1/2 miles east of Phoenix.

Construction began in 1886 for accommodations for 280 patients. The hospital opened in 1887, with the patients arriving from Stockton, California by train in emigrant sleeping cars, and then by 6 horse drawn coaches by way of Washington Street.

Over the years the patient census continued to climbed close to 1800 in the early 1950's. Increase in census was attributed to the increase in population, admission of Japanese war relocation centers and war casualties. As time passed, there have been many changes to the hospital. Some changes were due to aging buildings, other changes were caused by fire. In 1935, the loss of many records about the patients and the hospital burial sites occurred when there was a fire in the hospital administration building. There are some records in the hospital vault that detail some of the events that took place over the years. A scrapbook with many historical pictures of old buildings, and information on programming that was in place for the therapeutic activities of the patients. It is very interesting to note that even as far back as the mid to late 1800's, we, as a community, felt a need to care for the mentally ill and our goal was to improve and enhance the quality of life for our patients and community.

Our goal remains the same.

In the near future, we will be opening a new, state of the art civil hospital. We, the staff, patients, family members and concerned community members, want to say "Thank You" to Governor Hull, the state Legislators, Senators and all others that had a voice in getting the funds for the new hospital.